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FINEST HARDY PRIMULAS
AND PERENNIALS

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Nyden's Primrose Path Gardens

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OAK GROVE, OREGON

IT'S PRIMROSE TIME

Primroses are fast becoming recognized as one of the loveliest perennials, and here in the Northwest where the climatic conditions are ideal, a proper selection of types makes it possible to have primroses blooming most of the year. They have also been growing in popularity by leaps and bounds in the midwest and eastern states as more and more flower lovers have discovered that it is not at all difficult to be a successful grower of the hardy primulas such as are listed here.

We are frequently asked the difference between Acaulis and Polyanthus type of primulas. The Acaulis type bears each single flower on a separate stem, while the Polyanthus bears its flowers in large clusters of florets on stems from six to twelve inches high. The blue primroses listed are of the Acaulis type, as are also the double primulas, Lilacea and Bridesmaid. The doubles do not set seed so must be propagated by root division. All these Acaulis are the first to bloom in the spring, although that does not mean they limit themselves to that time alone! If given plenty of water through the hot season, they reward their owners with many more blooms in the late summer and early fall. In fact, this year we have had blue primroses practically all the year 'round.

The Polyanthus group which bursts forth in a galaxy of color just a little later than the Acaulis, is one of the most popular for home gardeners. There is no limit to the variety of shades and color combinations and they are profuse bloomers. Our plants are grown from seed of colossal strain and bear huge florets on strong stems from eight to twelve inches tall. Here at the Gardens during the blooming period of the Polyanthus we hurry out each morning in anticipation of finding new and unusual beauties—and are seldom disappointed.

The Auriculas, so much loved in England, are becoming more popular in this country as rock garden plants. They follow the Polyanthus in blooming time and are a fine addition to your hardy garden perennials. Their smooth green foliage is beautiful the year round, and their soft velvety colors are a delight. Another of their endearing qualities is a delicate fragrance. Auriculas are natives of the Alps and adhere to their original preference for a rocky soil in which they get proper drainage. When

planting them remember to add some fine gravel or crushed rock to the soil and allow a thin layer on top also.

The hardy Asiatics are the next to bloom in the Gardens, and they present so different an appearance from the more commonly known primrose, that many visitors ask what kind of flowers they are. The candelabra type, such as the *P. Pulverulenta*, carries flower stalks from two to three feet high, with successive tiers of flowers in whorls all the way up the stem. In a massed planting they make a gorgeous display. They demand more shade and water than other types and respond to a rich soil. These later blooming primulas follow the *Auriculas* and prolong the primrose season well into June. We had a beautiful showing of *P. Bulleyana* last summer in mid-June. The foliage of these Asiatics disappears in winter.

CULTURE

Three things of importance in the culture of primroses are good drainage, partial shade and plenty of water. The soil should be deeply dug and enriched with barnyard manure, bone meal, or a balanced commercial fertilizer. *Acaulis* and *Polyanthus* should be divided every two years. The primulas listed are all hardy and need only the same protection given other hardy perennials in the event of extreme weather.

PRIMROSES

ACAULIS

Beautiful Blues that bear dozens of blossoms among lush dark green foliage. They bloom in December when winters are mild—they bloom in February—and all spring—and if kept watered well through hot summer, will bloom in late August.

Select plants 50c, 75c and \$1.00 each

Special collection\$5.00 per doz. postpaid

Double Primroses

Lilacea, a dainty lavender double. Color may vary a little in different soils.

Bridesmaid—a sweet little double white, like a miniature rose, sometimes has pinkish cast due to soil elements.

Large healthy plants 50c and 75c each

POLYANTHUS

A visit to the Gardens in Primrose time would stimulate the most indifferent person. A striking feature is the plan designed to afford easy inspection of the thousands of beautiful primroses which fill with glowing colors the 30-foot beds divided by mossy paths.

Most colorful of all are the Polyanthus. White, cream, yellow, rust, bronze, red, wines, orchid, purple and innumerable combinations and shades form a pattern of unsurpassed beauty. The plants are beautiful specimens, with strong root development, fine foliage and very large blossoms. Seed from colossal strain, and many months of careful culture have culminated in the fine primroses we offer this year.

Special Selected Colors and Pastels.....	\$1.00 each
Fine large plants, assorted colors.....	35c, 50c, 75c each
Special collection, 12 assorted colors.....	\$3.50 prepaid
Special collection, 6 assorted colors.....	\$2.00 prepaid

P. FRONDOSA

These miniature polyanthus have great appeal. A native of Northern Greece, they are hardy and are especially adapted to rockeries. Their delicate lilac blossoms rise from a trim round plant whose leaves are beautifully silvered underneath. The foliage disappears in winter.

Each	50c	Dozen.....	\$5.00 prepaid
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HARDY ASIATICS

Candelabra Type

P. Japonica—Native of Korea. Very hardy. Likes shade and much moisture. Mixed colors in shades of pink, through rose to rosy red.

P. Pulverulenta (Bartley Strain). Beautiful shades of pink, coral, rose. tall stately stems silver powdered. Stems often 30 inches tall with whorl after whorl of flowers circling them.

P. Pulverulenta (True Specie). A rosy-red shade. Stems silver powdered. Shade and much moisture desirable.

P. Sieboldii—An Asiatic requiring moderate shade and water. Resembles polyanthus with cut or fringed blossoms on 10-12 inch stems. Lovely shades of pink, orchid and white.

P. Florindae—A Tibetan Cowslip bearing yellow bells, sulphur-mealed. Has a lovely fragrance. Must have a cool location and plenty of water.

P. Bulleyana—A late-comer, blossoms in May or June. Beautiful bronze, orange and copper tones. A candelabra type with silvered stems; needs much shade and water.

All the above Asiatics lose their foliage in the winter.

These are all fine large plants, with a remarkably large root growth.

Priced at **50c each**—Orders over \$3.00 prepaid. On smaller orders add 50c for postage.

SPECIAL—on surplus seedlings of *P. Pulverulenta* \$1.50 per dozen (postage collect, or add 50c to order).

AURICULAS

About the time when the colorful Polyanthus beds have passed their prime, a new interest arises in another section where the Auriculas are displayed. Growing in rosettes of smooth, thick leaves, often silver-powdered, the velvety blossoms rise on stems similar to Polyanthus. Their coloring is in endless variety and one of their unusual charms is a delightful fragrance, nostalgic of old-fashioned, dew-scented gardens.

Auriculas do best in limey and well-drained soil. They make excellent rockery plants as their rosette of foliage remains attractive throughout the year. Our very large collection of choice colors enables us to offer a special collection of 12 assorted plants at — **\$3.50 postpaid**. Selected colors **50c each**.

PANSY PLANTS

Clarkes Hybrid Blend, fine sturdy plants.

Assorted colors\$1.50 dozen

Violas (Blue Perfection) \$1.50 dozen

PERENNIALS

Aster Frikarti	Hardy Aster (Michaelmas Daisy)
Black-eyed Susan	Harrington's Pink
Columbine	Mt. Everest
Delphinium	Violetta
Esther Reed Daisy	Pink Nymph
Erigeron	Beechwood Challenger
Penstemon	
Pyrethrum	

This group priced at 50c per clump

Doronicum	Sweet William
Geum	Oriental Poppy
Carnations	Lychnis

This group priced at 35c per clump

These are all good-sized clumps with good roots. Other perennials can be supplied upon request.

Through May and June we offer bedding plants of many annuals: Asters, Calendulas, Lobelia, Marigold, Snapdragon, Zinnias and others on request. These are 50c per dozen.

SEEDS

P. Polyanthus (mixed)	packet \$1.00
P. Pulverulenta	" 50c
P. Japonica	" 50c
Auricula (mixed)	" 50c
Florindae (mixed)	" 50c
Bulleyana	" 50c
Delphinium (mixed)	" 25c
Sweet William (mixed)	" 15c
Dwarf Sweet William	" 25c

BULBS

Grape Hyacinth (Muscari)	50c dozen
Scilla (Blue, White)	75c dozen
Crocus (Golden) a large, beautiful variety.....	\$1.00 dozen
Spring Snowflake (Leucojum Vernum).....	\$1.00 dozen
Dutch Iris (Wedgewood, Yellow Queen, Alba)	\$1.00 dozen
Bulbs ready after August. Others not listed obtainable if requested.	

HOLLY

IDEAL Christmas Gifts. A large box (30x5x5) inches filled with beautiful English holly sprays of assorted lengths, all heavily berried. We ship this attractive Oregon product, cut from our own holly orchard, anywhere in the United States for \$2.50.

Our Holly Wreaths, plump and heavy, approximately 18 inches in diameter, with lots of red berries, shipped anywhere in the United States for \$3.50 each.

More elaborate wreaths, with cones, extra sprays of holly and mistletoe \$5.00 each.

Our Special Gift Certificates, available in any amount, good for our famous Primroses, shipped at proper planting time \$1.00 and up.

GARDEN NOVELTIES

Sturdy wooden wheelbarrows, 10 inches high, 33 inches overall length, various colors. As a holder for potted flowers, or filled with summer annuals they make attractive garden ornaments. Fine also for a child's use.

Very well made\$4.00 each

Windmills—a clever garden piece. Wooden figure of little maid who churns when the wind propels the metal blades of strongly constructed windmill \$4.00 each

Garden Markers—sturdy wooden figures in gay colors.

Sunbonnet Sue\$1.25 each

White duck and 3 ducklings\$1.50 set

Bird Houses—neat little homes for your garden friends.

A variety of colors\$1.50 each

MAILING CONDITIONS

All orders will be shipped via parcel post unless otherwise requested. All orders of \$3.00 or over will be postpaid. Seed orders will be postpaid. On orders less than \$3.00 please add 50c toward mailing expense.

Remittance with order, please. No C. O. D. orders accepted.

Our Gardens, located on the Superhighway (99E) about one mile south of Milwaukie, are always open to visitors. If you are traveling, it is a nice spot to pause and rest. There are mossy paths to walk on; a wishing well to test your fortune; three great Cedar of Lebanon trees under whose protection a white Bambi poises knee deep in ferns. Rows of holly trees divide the Gardens into sections, with beds of primroses and perennials creating colorful pictures. Our lawns and paths are of moss, and delightfully soft to tread on.

Another attractive spot at the Gardens is our florist shop, where we have a complete floral service, supplying wedding flowers, funeral flowers, potted plants, corsages and cut flowers. A nice selection of vases, figurines and novelties, as well as a fine collection of cacti are among the features we are proud to display to our visitors.

REMEMBER OUR LOCATION—On the Superhighway near Oak Grove; our mailing address is Box 202, Oak Grove, Oregon, and our telephone is Oak Grove 3-9271.

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